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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of July, two thousand twenty-one.

RESOLUTION NO. 299

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE  
PASSING OF DR. SUZIE MOYA BENITEZ

WHEREAS, on 28 March 2022, Dr. Suzie Moya Benitez, the former Executive Director of the Bayanihan Philippine National Folk Dance Company, passed away at the age of 70;

WHEREAS, Dr. Benitez began her career as a dancer for Bayanihan, while being the Deputy Administrator of the Manila Metropolitan Theatre Administration and a member of the Manila Symphony Orchestra;

WHEREAS, Dr. Benitez was elected as Chair for Asia of the Federation for International Dance Festivals due to her work not just as a practitioner in dance, but also due to her work as a juror for multiple international competitions;

WHEREAS, under Dr. Benitez' direction, the Bayanihan Dance Company headlined several sold-out performances around Europe, Asia and the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Dr. Benitez spearheaded her social mobilization programs "Teaching and Touching Lives," a workshop series which aims to share with local and foreign communities the beauty of the Philippines through songs, music and dances, which is on its 24<sup>th</sup> year of implementation, and has been conducted in the Philippines and abroad;

WHEREAS, during her term, Dr. Benitez launched *Fiesta Folkoriada*, an international folk dance festival that aims to promote solidarity and goodwill among the international dance community, and which highlights the cultural dance heritage of different countries;

WHEREAS, in 2013, Dr. Benitez was recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the World, awarded by the Filipina Women's Network as one of their Innovators and Thought Leaders and was also awarded in 2013 by the National Women Council of the Philippines as a leader of Arts and Culture;

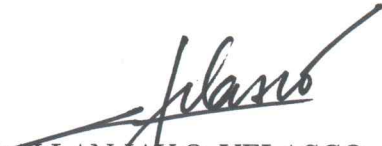
WHEREAS, Dr. Benitez also co-authored a book entitled "*60 years, Fulfilling the Filipino Dream, Touching Lives, Sharing Culture: The Art of Bayanihan*," highlighting the legacy of the Bayanihan;

WHEREAS, her contributions to the field of dance, and to national cultural heritage are insurmountable, and are once-in-a-generation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, To express its profound sympathies and sincerest condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Suzie Moya Benitez, a true pillar of the Philippine dance community, and a champion of Philippine culture and the arts.

*Resolved, further,* That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family.

Adopted,



LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 23, 2022.



MARK LLANDRO DONG L. MENDOZA  
*Secretary General*

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